

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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Minutes of the July 10, 2014 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:06p.m.

The Open Public Meeting Act statement was read by Suzanne Hetman, Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Robert Phillips – absent
Vice-Chairman Michael Blumenfeld – present
Commissioner Steven Bauman – present

Also Present: Suzanne Hetman, Board Secretary; Alysia Proko, Attorney for the Board; Jon Tooke, Director of Public Safety; and Daisy Amado, Recording Secretary.

Board Attorney requested to suspend the Agenda since a plea was agreed for the following hearing and the police officers present needed to go back to work.

HEARINGS

1. LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-33-166-007
GERRINO, INC.
d/b/a THE DUBLINER
96 RIVER STREET
CASE NO. 13-21

Per the Board Attorney, they agreed to non-vault nuisance, 5 held in abeyance, per the old plea schedule.

Move to accept the plea of non-vault, 0 days and 5 held in abeyance was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Bauman and seconded by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

2014-2015 LICENSE RENEWAL – EXHIBIT C

Board Secretary advised the board that there are two licenses on Exhibit C: Dina & Harry's Steakhouse and Black Bear of Hoboken, LLC trading as Wicked Wolf Tavern.

Move to approve licenses on Exhibit C was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

2013-2014 LICENSE RENEWAL

LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-33-189-006
RIDIZIO GROUP LLC
1313 WILLOW AVENUE

Board Secretary advised the board that the license holder has two items on the agenda for this meeting. This was the old billiard now owned by Ridizio. Board Secretary had not received their tax clearance last year and just recently received it. License holder not present at the meeting. They are not open for business as of right now.

Move to renew the 2013-2014 Liquor License 0905-33-189-006 was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

2014-2015 LICENSE RENEWAL

LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-33-189-006
RIDIZIO GROUP LLC
1313 WILLOW AVENUE

Move to renew the 2014-2015 Liquor License 0905-33-189-006 was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

2014-2015 LICENSE RENEWAL HEARING

LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-44-006-006
ZAFAR CHUDHRY M. QAISRA
d/b/a WILLOW LIQUOR AND DELI
98 WILLOW AVENUE

Paul Casteleiro, attorney for license holder and license holder appeared before the board. Vice Chairman Blumenfeld advised that there are concerns of loitering/activity outside the business and complaints from neighbors. Director Jon Tooke added that there are lots of calls for service for this location. Vice Chairman Blumenfeld further stated that there are currently no charges, but neighbors are not happy. Vice Chairman Blumenfeld told the license holder to take measures to avoid future complaints from neighbors. He asked that loitering be eliminated and if there are any people hanging outside the license holder should call the police.

Move to approve renewal of liquor license 0905-44-006-006 was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

2014-2015 LICENSE RENEWAL SPECIAL RULING

RILEY PUBSTER, LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: 225 RIVER ST., UNIT 2002, HOBOKEN, NJ 07030

Board Secretary advised the board that a petition was filed with the State and was received on September 28, 2012 and this is the last term on the Special Ruling. This is a pocket license and there is no sited location. Vice Chairman Blumenfeld asked if there is any reason to believe someone is hoarding the license. Per Board Secretary, the State agreed to allow three terms. This

is the last year on the petition. Commissioner Bauman asked who is holding the license. Per the Board Secretary, Haney Ahmed (phonetic spelling) is 100% owner of this license.

Move to approve for the last year as per the State's discretion on the Special Ruling was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

2014-2015 LICENSE RENEWAL SPECIAL RULING

LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-44-030-006
12 HUDSON LIQUORS, LLC
12 HUDSON PLACE

Board Secretary advised the board that this is a retail distribution license. They are right next to Teak, but they never opened and they were required to petition the State. This will be transferred tonight.

Move to approve renewal of license 0905-44-030-006, 12 Hudson Liquors, LLC was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER

LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-32-038-003
NATIONAL NEWS IV, INC.
TO
MORGAN PUBSTER, LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: 917 CASTLE POINT TERRACE, HOBOKEN, NJ

Robert Williams, Esq. appeared before the board representing Morgan Pubster and stated they are taking this license and pocketing it. Esther Milstead, 100% owner also appeared before the board and was sworn in by the board attorney. Vice Chairman Blumenfeld asked if the license holder owns any other licenses. She holds ownership interest in the Gold Hawk/Turtle Club. They are selling at 32 and buying at 44. A 32 is Plenary Retail Consumption License with Broad Package Privilege and a 44 is Plenary Retail Distribution License.

Move to approve the person to person transfer was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

PERSON TO PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER

LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-44-030-006
12 HUDSON LIQUORS, LLC
12 HUDSON PLACE
TO
NATIONAL NEWS IV, INC.
d/b/a CAPORRINO'S NEWS & CONVENIENCE
528 ADAMS STREET

Attorney, Phil Barrood appeared before the board representing National News IV and stated National News just sold their license. Currently they have no license but they have a store. Sold their 32 and buying a 44. Per attorney, they are moving 44 in (Plenary Retail Distribution License)

which would mean no more consumption on premises. Board attorney asked if they understand the 500 foot rule and Chandra Patel who is 100% owner of National News was sworn in and advised he understood.

Move to approve the person to person and place to place transfer for liquor license 0905-44-030-006 to National News was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

HEARINGS (1st hearing heard at the beginning of the meeting)

2. LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-32-028-005
LOUNGE 11 BAR AND RESTAURANT, INC.
d/b/a WEST FIVE SUPPER CLUB
503-505 MADISON STREET
CASE NO. 14-2

Gregory Vella, attorney representing West Five Supper Club appeared before the board. Per board attorney, we have adjourned this matter a few times as the previous attorney for West Five passed away suddenly and we were giving them the time to find a new attorney. Mr. Vella advised they are withdrawing their plea of non-guilty. They now wish to plead guilty to a nuisance one. Per board attorney, this is according to the old penalty schedule and it is 0 days with 5 held in abeyance.

Move to accept the plea was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Board discussed whether there are any more license holders to be approved. Board secretary advised we can approve at the July 24th meeting; we can still have a meeting just for renewals.

Director Tooke advised the board that he had a meeting with both the manager of McSwiggins and Ms. Goldstein in connection to the McSwiggan's matter on the June 26th agenda. Per Director Tooke, they were able to clear up misconceptions about the old condition. The management is willing to comply and they exchanged numbers and would try to work this out.

Move to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members of the board during roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.

(Minutes taken by D. Amado)